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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DIETRICH, et al.

Serial No.: 09/980,492

Art Unit: 1615

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Examiner: SHEIKH, H.

For: NOVEL PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION FORM COMPRISING AN
ACID-LABILE ACTIVE COMPOUND

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated February 1, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on May 1, 2006. Accordingly, a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the period for response to June 1, 2006. Thus, this Response should be considered timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.